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Mr. Eugene Hodges
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Dear Mr. Hodges:

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Sandstone 1 & 2 Claims, S/053/026, and Black Ridge #1 Claim, S/053/027, Washington County, Utah

On January 31, 1992, this Division received copies of your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations from the Bureau of Land Management. The applications for the proposed Sandstone 1 & 2 Claims (BLM file # UT047-92-01N), located in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 26 and the NW/4NW/4 of Section 35, T41S, R14W 1/4, SLBM and the Black Ridge #1 Claim (BLM file # UT047-91-02N), located in the NE/4SW/4SW/4 of Section 18, T42S, R14W, SLBM, are complete and no additional information is required by this Division at this time.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (attachments SMO-1 and SMO-2).

Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices" (attachment SMO-1). Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Also enclosed is a copy of the state's minerals rules pertaining to small mining operations, and a copy of our Small Mining Operations Notice of Intention for your future reference and use.

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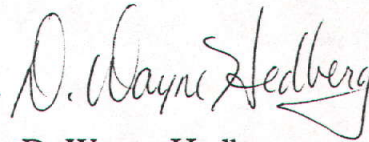
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Should you wish to expand either of your operations beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operations to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and your notices to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6121.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the sites. Best wishes with your mining operations.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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